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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HOJO, Hisakazu et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1761

Serial No.: 10/000,130

Examiner: **Helen F. Pratt**

Filed: **December 4, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 8475

For: **MANUFACTURING METHOD OF FOOD ADDITIVE COMPOSITION AND FOOD COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 19, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 19, 2003**, extended to **May 19, 2004** by a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, the following comments are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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